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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 1888.

BY WHOM PAID.

Most of the manufactured goods imported into the United States are of those kinds which people who are wealthy or well-to-do want and will have. Of ordinary wares and cotton goods our imports are small—practically nothing. But we bring from foreign countries great quantities of higher grades of wools and cottons. We import likewise great quantities of silks and linens of higher grades. These imported goods are called for by a class of people who are able and willing to pay for them. The duty on these goods, therefore, is a "burden" that falls on the rich consumer, who since he is not satisfied with an article unless it is of the highest quality, may as well be permitted to pay the indulgence of his taste for foreign commodities.

Goods of these descriptions are made in foreign countries much cheaper than they can be made here, mainly because labor, the greatest element in their production, is so much cheaper there than here. The duty was abolished we should surely enable our richer class to get the goods without payment of the revenue that goes toward defraying the expenses of the government, and a burden heavier by so much would be thrown upon labor at home.

Goods of all nearly all lines, upon which labor is expended, are manufactured abundantly in our own country, and are sold elsewhere in the world. The clothing of the masses of our people is wholly of home production. The rest is to be sold of hardware, of tools and implements, and of most things used in the ordinary affairs of life. This plate is an exception, because our own country is not a producer of tin. Tin is now and has always been admitted free of duty.

Through our country is the greatest producer of cotton in the world, and though cotton, grown in our Southern states under a system which makes labor cheaper than it was under slavery, is the cheapest cotton in the world, still we imported during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, cotton goods valued at \$28,940,358. That is to say, we could take up our own cotton because our factory labor is high, but sold our cotton to Europe, where it is manufactured by cheaper labor and then sold to us. It is necessary to say, however, that the cotton goods we import are mostly of high quality and bear high prices. They are bought chiefly by those of the wealthier sort, who want the foreign article and will have it. The great bulk of the cotton goods we consume is of home manufacture.

We imported during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, woolens valued at \$14,002,718. These wools were mostly fine cloths, and dress goods bought and worn by the rich. Of course articles of silk the values imported were \$31,375,223. A duty on silks can hardly be called a "tax on the clothing of the people."

But there is one commodity of which we import vast quantities, the duty on which is not paid chiefly by rich and well-to-do people; and this commodity pays far more duty than any other on the whole tariff list. While the clothing we import is almost wholly of those qualities which rich people buy and wear, and who therefore pay the duty, we have in sugar an article of universal consumption, and the burden of the duty upon it falls on the masses of the people. In any revision of the tariff the sugar duty should receive the first cut; or better, it should be abolished altogether.

Search a list of commodities imported upon which duties are imposed, and you will find that they are chiefly those things which people who are called "rich" demand. Sugar is the great exception. But sugar is the special commodity that in the democratic tariff scheme is still to be burdened with a heavy duty, a duty of which those who are called rich do not pay one-twentieth part.

AN EFFECTIVE ANSWER.

Among the best and the best known weekly publications in the country is *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*. It is a fine specimen of the highest type of illustrated journalism, and in its literary features it is not surpassed by any journal of its class. Political topics it touches only incidentally. It is not a partisan paper, as *Harper's Weekly*, now an out-and-out democratic and administration organ, is, and when it handles questions of vital politics it handles them always in a non-partisan manner. In the debate on the tariff question, the subject was uppermost in its pages, it has recently been taking part in the same, and in its brief articles, and *The Oregonian* may say that it has seen no articles anywhere that surpass them in clearness of statement. These articles are devoted to exposure of the fallacies of the democratic method of revising the tariff. The latest of them, in the issue of September 1, is an answer to Mr. Thurman's *Port Huron* speech. We reproduce it here. The reader may judge for himself whether the brief article is not a more effective answer to the main point of Mr. Thurman's argument.

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And, thirdly, all the authority and facts prove that the duty on imported articles does not increase their cost to the extent of 100 per cent, and that argues against a false assertion. On the contrary, the frequent instances where the imposition of duties is high enough to cause the permanent closing of domestic factories and the loss of labor in covering the gap to our consumers of articles which we could have had from competing sellers. The more equal and more safety there is in protection, they should be abolished. Nobody defends prohibitory duties, they are indefensible.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN POLICY.

Richard Cobden was a philanthropist, a statesman and a manufacturer. He considered England as a nation of skilled mechanics and artisans, and America as inhabited by a people whose manifest destiny was to cultivate the soil and raise corn, pork and beef. As a true-born Englishman and manufacturer, Cobden fairly deemed it that the country is becoming original with gentlemen of leisure, and as a manufacturer he knew about the "cuteness" and efficiency of this and that detective; how some, like the "Hawk-haw" or "Old Scound" worked out the secret of the profound mystery and brought them to justice.

When police and detectives are so remarkably efficient and, thievry, robbery, burglary and all of that sort of things, at the same time there is something which needs explanation.

The fact is that so many boys in these generations have grown up and are growing who are not taught a trade or otherwise occupied, and so many farmers see such blight upon their sons that it appears to them to be a shame to keep them down to the plodding work of the farm, that the country is becoming original with gentlemen of leisure, and as a manufacturer he knew about the "cuteness" and efficiency of this and that detective; how some, like the "Hawk-haw" or "Old Scound" worked out the secret of the profound mystery and brought them to justice.

Every circus which travels through the country has a horde of thieves of every degree following it about, from the regular professional pickpocket to the trickster with a string of, or other device of that character.

The plans and schemes for swindling and robbery are innumerable, and every country paper along the line of march of the circus which lately swept down the coast from Victoria to San Francisco, has accounts showing how unscrupulous citizens have been cruelly taken in by the tricks of these sharpers, who generally work upon the better class of the public and steal from the victim who thinks he is doing simply, negligently, act in the matter of changing a bill or catching a draft, or some other thing of that nature.

To attempt an exposure of all or any considerable portion of the tricks of these scoundrels would take a book. Suffice it to say, that they are simply a pack of wolves, against which there should be organized a systematic and unrelenting hunt.

It is more than probable that the proprietors and managers of the shows are not responsible for these gangs who follow the show, because those affairs always attract crowds, especially of unscrupulous persons who make a plentiful and easy prey for them.

The harpies who thus infest the country are frequently well known to the police authorities, who only undertake their capture while in the act of偷窃 or robbery, or after an act of that kind has been committed and the thieves have been captured. Indeed, the sharp tricks of the sharpers are often witnessed at, rather than punished, and thus the perpetrators are emboldened.

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A GROWING EVIL.

Newspapers throughout the entire country, from the Pacific to the Atlantic and from the British possessions to the Rio Grande, are publishing every day the performances of thieves, robbers, confidence men and all sorts of "crooks" and tricksters. There are frequent instances where the imposition of duties is high enough to cause the permanent closing of domestic factories and the loss of labor in covering the gap to our consumers of articles which we could have had from competing sellers.

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Gen. George W. Jones, of Dubuque, Iowa, the first United States senator from that state, and a lifelong democrat, has declared for Harrison. He voted for Cleveland in 1884, but opposed him now on the record of his administration.

It is just sixty days till the election. Grover Cleveland has only sixty days remaining in which to write his letter of acceptance. He has been putting it off over sixty days, but the problem doesn't seem to be solved.

The old doctor laughingly remarks that when the Southern democrats were fighting for slavery, they were monstrously down on the idea of "free root."

An enraged Kansas man fed a boy to a threshing machine. Then some enraged neighbors gathered and fed the man to the crows.

A Rank Imposture.—"Fraud has been growing at a rapid rate, from the regular professional pickpocket to the trickster with a string of, or other device of that character.

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FOUND WATERY GRAVES.

MAYOR V. R. DELASHMITT RETURNED.

James Keegan and John Gray Drowned in the Willamette Yesterday.

Chair Left is Occupied by Son Maxie—Witness to the Accident—Body Exhumed—Somewhat Mysterious.

A few minutes before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Coronet, Delta, was notified by telephone from Astoria that two longshoremen had lost their lives in the river near the coal banks.

By an Oregon representative, who immediately repaired to the scene of the drowning, it was learned that the intelligence was true and that the names of the unfortunate men were James Keegan and John Gray.

At half-past 2 the bodies had been recovered by means of grappling hooks and were then conveyed to the morgue, where they were relieved of all water, with which they were inflated, and prepared for burial. After being thus prepared, they were taken charge of by the Longshoremen Society. No inquest was held.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the remains were placed in hearses, and, attended by members of the family, were carried to their respective homes. Both men were unmarried. Mr. Keegan was 26 years of age and resided with his mother at No. 125 North Thirteenth street. He was also a foreman of the mine of Brown & McCabe, stevedores. Mr. Gray was 30 years of age and resided with his sister at the corner of West Park and F streets.

The funeral has been set for the day for the funeral of Mr. Keegan, and the brothers of Mr. Gray have been invited to attend the services, which are to be held at the church of the Good Shepherd.

The record shows that these funerals will occur at the same time.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DROWNING.

The story of the fatal accident as related by several persons is substantially as follows:

The two men had started to cross the river from this side with the purpose of going to a saw mill at Albina, where they had been working, to obtain some clothes they left behind.

The boat in which they embarked was quite small and barely capable of carrying them. When about half way across the river they were seen by the passengers of the Cyclone as that boat was turning around preparatory to landing at her wharf at Albina.

The purser, recognizing Keegan, waved his hand to him. This was answered.

No further attention was paid to the men by those on board the Cyclone. It appears that a number of persons saw the skiff and stopped to watch them. They landed upon the wharf and vessel. It is not known how the men met their fate also unknown.

So it is possible to learn, no one was looking out for the boat when it went over and the men sank from sight.

Just about this time one of the crew of the vessel came in where his comrade was sitting, dinner, and reported that a small skiff had gone over the side of the ship.

A boat was sent over to the skiff and was caught and righted. Under the skiff was found a hat and coat which were recognized as that of James Keegan. The boat was joined by another from the boat where the body had been found. Several grappling hooks were fastened to a chain which was cast soon afterward into the river. The bodies were brought to the surface.

The faces of the drowned men gave no evidence of violence and showed that death had been a struggle.

The depth of the water when the men were found did not exceed nine feet, and had been rowed two lengths further shoreward than water would have been waist deep.

The depth of the water and the knowledge of the fact that the Oregon was a good swimmer would seem to be the shroud of mystery over the fatal accident.

A reasonable theory, and one accepted by the police, is that for the capturing of the skiff, in the act was assisted by a fellow from the wheel of the steamer. The fellow, which passed up the river just before the skiff was found.

The story is very sadly received by the friends of the deceased, especially when it is favorably spoken of all. Mr. Keegan leaves a mother, one sister and four brothers, two of whom live in this city. Mr. Gray, so far as known, left only a sister.

The funeral will be conducted under the auspices of the Longshoremen Stevedores and Builders' Union.

HE CAME A LONG DISTANCE TO FIND HIM.

A Young Woman Lads Her Fiancée on a Search for a Friend.

Last evening a pale, consumptive-looking young woman walked into Frank Babbott's saloon on Third and A streets, and saying she was sick asked if she could rest for a few moments.

Babbits was administered and she came to herself when she became quite reflective.

"I was walking along the street," she said, "when a sudden I became dizzy and did not know what was the matter. I am a stranger in the city and am penniless."

In reply to a question as to whether she had a home in the city, she said she was acquainted with a woman who recently from Los Angeles who was working in the capacity on one of the newspapers. The person to whom it was thought the woman went was summoned, but was not the one wanted.

"If I see the person you seek, who shall I say desire to see him?" asked the young woman.

"I was then headed for a moment and called to mind a woman about whom I was anxious to give her a home. At that moment I said: 'You may say that Eddie wants to see him. He will understand. I have come to him to find him.'

"What is all this?" he said. She was silent. When asked about the place of her visit, she said, "I have not found her friend."

Last accounts she had not found her friend.

SUITS TO SHOOVER LAND.

Miss Maie Have a Guardian Appointed to Secure The Eight.

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A MONEY AND OGAN GRINDER TIME.

How the Combination Took in Oregon and Gathered in the Shells.

The police, dapper, dandy-faced little monkeys in a blue suit with cap to match and the gaudy-clad long-bearded Indian grinder who cut such a wide swath and gathered so many nickels a few months ago at their return from the city and are at their old haunts, the monkey gathering shells and the Indian grinder the cranks. The monkey looks greatly improved on account of his trip to the interior, but does not look very well up at the best hotels.

"Yes, I have had a real enjoyable time," while the monkey yesterday he dodged for a cold night, his pocket had dropped.

"Myself and chum took up a room in the city and the landlady with whom possessed a lot of land to the damsel's great surprise in the sum of \$50. Wherefore they pray for a judgment giving them possession of the land and damages in the sum of \$50.

A similar suit was begun yesterday by the same parties against John Swett, of the E. 14 of Two, 25, S. E. 22, which is valued at \$200, and for damages in the sum of \$50.

A similar suit was also commenced against J. H. Seward for the N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 22, 25 S. E. 22. The lands are situated in the Harvey lake country.

THE MOLE PEST.

A Correspondent Desires to Know the Best Way to Kill These Creatures.

Within the last few weeks several communists have appeared in the Oregonian in regard to the ravages committed by gophers and also the most effective method of exterminating these devils.

A Correspondent, writing this paper under the title of "Oregon," says:

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